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Applicant has carefully considered the above identified Office Action, and in response thereto is addressing each issue raised by the examiner in the remarks hereinbelow. In this regard, applicant is amending claim 1; canceling without prejudice claims 2 - 3; and adding claims 12 - 14.

Claim Rejection 35 USC 103(a)

Applicant has amended claim 1 by adding claims 2 - 3 thereto according to the allowable subject matter section. Claims 2 - 3 have been canceled without prejudice, therefore the rejection concerning claim 2 is moot. All claims dependent upon a newly allowable base claim are also allowable.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant agrees with examiner that claims 3 and 4 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. New claim 12 is claim 4 added to claim 1.



C O N C L U S I O N

It is respectfully submitted that applicant has responded in a fully satisfactory manner to all matters at issue in this application, and this application is now in condition for allowance. In this regard, applicant has made every effort to comply with the requirements set forth in this Office Action as well as statutory requirements. Accordingly, applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner enter this amendment, allow the claims, and pass this application on to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Donald J. Ersler".

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